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REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

Our Deposit Account Statement dated June 2006 was charged a \$200.00 fee
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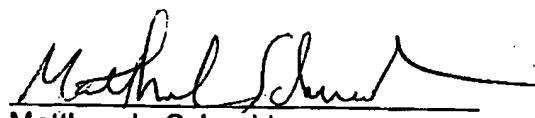
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Respectfully submitted,

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